

REMARKS

Applicant and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner.

Upon entry of the present Supplemental Amendment, Claims 1-31 and 33-34 will be all of the claims pending examination.

This Supplemental Amendment is being submitted merely for the purpose of providing the Office with a marked-up version of the claims as required under current practice. The Office previously issued a Non-Final Office Action on 6/12/06 to which the Applicant filed a timely Response and Amendment on 10/12/06. Unfortunately, however, the Listing of the Claims therein submitted was not a "marked-up" version of the claim, rather it was a "clean version" of the amended claims (*i.e.*, without showing underlining for additions and/or strikethrough for deletions etc...).

Upon discovery the undersigned contacted the Examiner by telephone on January 8, 2007, so as to alert her to the situation. It was suggested by the Examiner that this supplemental paper be submitted so as to provide the "marked-up" version of the previously submitted amended claims.

It should be appreciated that this paper is submitted merely to supplement the previous response and allow for the correction of the minor informality. This supplemental amendment should, therefore, be read in conjunction with Applicant's previous remarks (as well as the amendments to the specification) as provided in the paper submitted October 12, 2006, said remarks being directed to the present claims and being hereby incorporated by reference as if they were set forth in their entirety.


It is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 1-31 and 33-34, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

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If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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